

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The number of elderly and disabled Americans is dramatically increasing; and,

*Whereas*, Assisted living is a long term care service that fosters choice, dignity, independence and autonomy in our elderly community-wide; and,

*Whereas*, The South Dakota Assisted Living Association (SDALA) and the National Assisted Living Association along with the state of South Dakota proudly acknowledge National Assisted Living Week 2003; and,

*Whereas*, The theme of National Assisted Living Week 2003 is "Sharing Life's Treasures," which provides us the opportunity to appreciate the treasures life has given us along our journey and the opportunity to share them:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to visit friends and loved ones who reside at these facilities and also to learn more about assisted living services and how they benefit our communities.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

